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Dolores' personally-guided tours were legendary. She would drive you from monument to monument and you would have a set amount of time to see each site before Dolores moved you onto the next one. She also arranged hundreds of tours for groups, ranging from young school kids to senior citizens. One of her happiest jobs through the years was sending thousands of American flags to individuals and veterans groups in my district. She also played a crucial role in enabling my office to return over \$1 million to the U.S. Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, since Dolores passed away, I have heard from many people, ranging from school kids, lawyers, doctors, farmers, teachers and school principals, public officials, and FBI agents telling of the wonderful and sensitive assistance Dolores had given to make their stay in Washington, DC, so special. And many of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives have told me what a joy it was to work with Dolores. There is no question that Dolores touched thousands of people's lives and made their stay in our Nation's capital a special event.

But more than anything, Dolores loved her family and friends. While she took her work seriously, she always looked forward to visits from her family, and going to see her specially chosen nephew, Father Greg Mansour, or going to Michigan to see her brothers and sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dolores was an active and devoted member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA, where she volunteered her secretarial and organizational skills in the office. She also served as a Eucharistic Minister in the church. Although Dolores told me she felt unworthy in serving in that capacity, I told her that there was no one on all of Capitol Hill who was more worthy than was she.

Mr. Speaker, I will never forget my friend Dolores Nounhan. I know that she is now with God, and her spirit will always be with those who had the pleasure of knowing Dolores. She was better than we deserved.

A TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY OF WENDELIN

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the community of Wendelin, IL. This beautiful village, nestled in a small corner of Illinois, has a rich, ethnic tradition. The members of this community joined together to write the Holy Cross Book which traces their roots from Schutttert, Germany. It was through a church, St. John's Church, that the people from this small town teamed up and dedicated many countless years to complete this wonderful work.

Holy Cross Book describes the struggle of settling into a town in the 1850's. A momentous change took place in Wendelin, IL., as the United States railroad was introduced. The railroad brought many new families to the area

Irish, Germans, and other European Catholics. Each emigrant sought to start a new life and thus, a community was born. These pioneers established a church, school and the various businesses necessary to excel in their modern world. Some of the families that helped settle this land were the Fehrenbacher, Kern, Maier, Obert, Schafer, Schiele, Volk and Weber. As Wendelin grew into the prospering community it is today, these families decided to build a religious community that would provide a church, a wholesome upbringing, and stewardship. On January 22, 1860, the people joined together and built their first church, St. Ignatius Church, which later changed its name to St. John's Church.

In the 1860's more German settlers arrived in the area settling further to the northwest. The existence of the church was too small for such a growing population. St. John's decided to divide its parish, some wanting to rebuild 1/2 mile east of its property, while others wanted to transfer the site of the parish to St. Wendel, as it was then known. A decision was made in 1868 to build a new church, Holy Cross Church, the namesake for their work.

I congratulate the entire Wendelin community and give them my heartfelt congratulations for the success of the completion of their book. It is my pleasure to honor a rich tradition.

IN HONOR OF THE STATEWIDE HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW JERSEY FOR YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE HISPANIC BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, an organization dedicated to promoting the continued development of New Jersey's economy by strengthening and expanding the network of Hispanic and professional businesses throughout the State. On October 23-24, 1996, the organization will host their 6th Annual Convention and Exhibition. The 2-day event recognizes the many individuals and business organizations that have contributed in assisting the Hispanic community navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing economy.

The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce [SHCC] is a voluntary membership network of 17 Hispanic chambers of commerce and professional business associations across New Jersey and the Philadelphia area. The organization aims to identify and communicate the needs of the Hispanic business community by increasing relations with the corporate sector, influencing legislation, policies, and programs that have a positive impact on the business community, providing leadership and support for excellence in education for future business leaders, and supplying technical assistance to Hispanic businesses, professional associations, and entrepreneurs through regional meetings, seminars, conferences, and annual State conventions.

The 6th Annual Convention and Exhibition will recognize the efforts and contributions of business owners, CEO's, and other top management from large and small Hispanic businesses throughout the State. Since the Hispanic market is the fastest growing business sector in the country, with an estimated \$30 billion of buying power, it is reassuring to know that organizations like SHCC continue to foster growth and provide leadership to Hispanic businesses as we approach the 21st century.

This year's convention and exhibition, will honor eight outstanding professionals for their contributions to the Hispanic business community: Freddy Rosado, Chamber of the Year; Pilar S. Howe, Sanchez to Sanchez to Smith; Argentina Ramirez, Volunteer of the Year; Olga Melendez, Diego Leiva, and Leila Perez Ross as Business People of the Year; and Dave Barger, Corporate Advocate of the Year; and Fred Davila, Presidents Award

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and those being honored at its annual convention. I commend their accomplishments and all that they have done for Hispanic businesses throughout New Jersey.

GLENN BOWERS, WAR HERO AND FIGHTER ACE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished war hero who is one of my constituents. Mr. Glenn Bowers, a veteran who served in the Marine Corps during World War II, recently received his Air Medal with Gold Stars.

Glenn Bowers has been credited with 70 missions during the war in the South Pacific. He served with distinction in the Marine Corps' famous "Blacksheep" Squadron No. 214, and with Squadrons No. 218 and No. 251 from November 1943 to September 1994.

Serving in the military during World War II is nothing unusual for a large part of America's population. Over 16 million men were a part of the massive military effort to turn back the armies of Nazi Germany and the navies of the Japanese Empire. But Glenn Bowers is different. He flew many combat missions, risking his life and safety numerous times over the period in which he served. He fought the menace of fascism, and played no small role in preserving the freedom and independence of the United States for his and future generations. Glenn's service is well-recognized by his receipt of the Air Medal.

Glenn Bowers is having his service to all of us in the United States recognized by receiving the Air Medal. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Glenn. I am proud to have such an outstanding war hero be one of my constituents.